

Minutes
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
Thursday, February 28, 2013

A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Pamela Melville, Chairperson, in the Sierra Room at the Reedley Community Center, 100 N. East Avenue, Reedley, CA 93654.

1. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS
 - A. Commissioners Present: Pamela Melville, Chairperson; Kelly deJarnette; Stephen Penner; Traci Tucker.
 - B. Commissioners Absent: Tom Brandt, Vice Chairperson.
 - C. Youth Representatives: Present – Rica Coria; Alejandra Ramos.
 - D. Staff Present: Joel Glick, Community Services Director; Denise Phariss, Administrative Assistant; Jerry Isaak, Fire Chief.
 - E. Others Present: None.
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner deJarnette, that the minutes of November 29, 2012 be approved. The motion carried.
3. PUBLIC DISCUSSION – None.
4. ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS
 - A. Joel Glick
 - 1) Tutors for Kings Canyon Unified will be using a room at the Community Center 4 days a week while the library is being remodeled.
 - 2) Invited the Commission to attend this year's Airport Barbecue on May 11th at the Reedley Municipal Airport.
 - 3) Updated the Commission on upcoming recreational programs.
5. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. **Cricket Hollow Boat Launch Grant Application** – Glick and Chief Isaak reported that the City is applying for a fully funded grant through the Department of Boating and Waterways to upgrade Cricket Hollow Park. Isaak talked with the Division Chief who was intrigued by the idea of providing a swift water rescue storage area and access at Cricket Hollow. Currently the rescue boats and equipment is stored at the Fire Station. Volunteers responding to emergencies waste time by going to the Fire Station before responding to the river directly. The Department of Boating and Waterways sent an engineering team to survey the boat launch area. A draft plan was presented to the Commission which includes extending the boat ramp 20 feet, replacing the old, worn pile-guided boarding float, replace the old timber piles, install a prefabricated two-unit flush restroom

building, create new handicapped parking spaces and make the improvements ADA-compliant, install new LED area lighting, miscellaneous water, sewer and electrical utility work, miscellaneous clearing, grading and site work, and replacement of the old DBW project credit sign. Although they will not build a storage unit for swift water rescue equipment, they will provide the area in which to build it. This is looked at as a win-win for the community and the Fire Department. Motion by Commissioner deJarnette, seconded by Commissioner Tucker to proceed with submitting the grant application with the Department of Boating and Waterways. Motion carried. This item will proceed to City Council on March 12, 2013. The application deadline is April 1, 2013.

6. **YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS**

A. Rica Coria

- 1) Checked in families at the Toys for Tots event. Felt it went really well this year.
- 2) Assisted at the San Francisco Giants World Series Trophy Tour. She admitted that although she isn't a Giants fan, it was exciting to be at this fun event. So many people came out to see it and were happy and very patient waiting in line.
- 3) Continues to assist with the Tumbling classes at the Community Center. Seems to be going very well.

B. Alejandra Ramos

- 1) Also checked in families at the Toys for Tots event.
- 2) Trophy Tour was interesting. It was a great experience. She informed the public of the rules (no touching the trophies, only one picture, etc.)
- 3) Will be volunteering at the upcoming Easter Egg Scramble in March.

7. **STAFF REPORTS**

A. Joel Glick, Community Services Director

- 1) The junipers were removed in front of the Community Center. New landscaping is being planned. Rotary Club will be donating the plant materials. Glick is working with a landscape architect to design a Mediterranean style, drought tolerant design. Commissioner Melville suggested contacting Carrie Friend about having Cub Scouts participate. They are looking for conservation projects. Commissioner Tucker reported that Home Depot has grants available that Community Services Department may qualify for.
- 2) Distributed the most recent Community Services Department's expenditure and revenue report.
- 3) Reported that the Airport Layout Plan is nearly complete.

8. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

A. **Commissioner Tucker**

- 1) Asked about the status of the water tower at the Sports Park and when the Commission can see it. Glick explained there were some delays. He will ask about the completion date and opportunity to see it.
- 2) Wondered if Reedley College is still involved in cooperative efforts with the City on the Rail Trail.

B. **Commissioner deJarnette** – Asked for an update on the Eagle Scout project that was presented at the last Commission meeting. Glick informed her that it went to City Council and they approved it.

C. **Commissioner Melville** – Liked the email update the Commission received in lieu of a Commission meeting in January.

9. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Phariss, Administrative Assistant

Pamela Melville, Chairperson

Joel Glick, Community Services Director